Erie in Gala Attire to Observe the 100th Anniversary of Perry's Victory Old Point Comfort

Pennsylvania Town First of Lake Ports to Celebrate Centenary-Thousands of Visitors Present.

Erie, Pa., July 5.-Beautifu with bun ng and flowers, the city of Eric presents a delightful spectacle in Erie presents a delightful appectacle in preparation for the centennial celebration of Perry's victory at the battle of Lake Erie, which will be inaugurated tomorrow by a "Peace Sunday" and continue every attennon and evening throughout the week, closing on Saturday night. An elaborate program has been arranged for the entertainment of the thousands of visitors who already are on the scene and the thousands more who will arrive tomorrow and the fellowing days.

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The coming celebration in this city is to one of the many events arranged to tingly commemorals the great naval-title of the War of 1812. Throughout e summer several celebrations are heduled at various points along the ke bearing a historical relationship to be battle. The list of celebrations will obably close with the dedication of the erry Memorial now nearing completion South Bass Island, near the western of Lake Erie. The celebrations will so be in the nature of commemorations a hundred years peace between Eng-th speaking nations.

Peace Sunday Today.

ceierating the one hundred years peace between Engiand and the United States. At 2.39 in the afternoon there will be a parade, terminating in a mass meeting before the reviewing stand at Perry Eduare, where an invocation will be offered by Bishop Israel and a benediction by Bishop Israel and a Paradelic and sacred songs will be rendered by the children, led by numerous bands.

For the remaining days of the week there are no events scheduled for the forenoon hours, giving the visitors an opportunity to visit the stores and other commercial attractions of the city. The merchants have arranged a nid-summer style show, which, will be held every morning throughout the week.

The old Du Pont powder wagon, which was used for the transportation of ammunition in the war of 1812, is making an overtand try from the Du Pont works in Wilmington. Del., and is scheduled to arrive in Erie at 2 octock on Monday afternoon, when a reception in its honer will take place. The wagon is to be escorted by a detachment of the naval force of Pennsylvania from the U. S. S. Wolverine, the oldest fron vessal in existence today, built in Erie in 1841.

The National Guard State encampment has been arranged for the week of the celebration, the camp being pitched just the cuts of the camp for the week, and the ward mount every evening at 7 o'clock will doubtless draw many spectators.

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Tuesday will be Mothers' and Children's Day. The principal feature of
the afternoon will be the parade of
12:00 school children. This will consist
of a pageant in miniature by the children. giving a view of life as lived by
our forefathers and each succeeding
generation down to the present time.
In the evening a band concert, followed by a pageantry parade, will take
place. Eight thousand dollars has been
expended on the decorations for the
floats and costumes. The pageantry
committee has been busy for weeks, and
promises some interesting and novel features for the pageant.

Governors to Attend.

Wednesday has been designated as Sovernors' Day, and arrangements have been made to entertain Gov. Tener of Pennsylvania, with his staff, and Gov-ernors from at least eight other States, to the affection there will be a mill-

hydroacroplane flights on the bay on this and subsequent daws. Naval Day will be celebrated on Thurs-day, starting with a naval parade in the afternoon, to be reviewed by Secre-tary of the Navy Josephus Daniela. Fol-lowing the parade, boat races will be held on the bay, in which yachts, motor-boats, and maval training ships will com-pete. The crews of the training ships will take part in the parade and races, their hands furnishing music for both occasions.

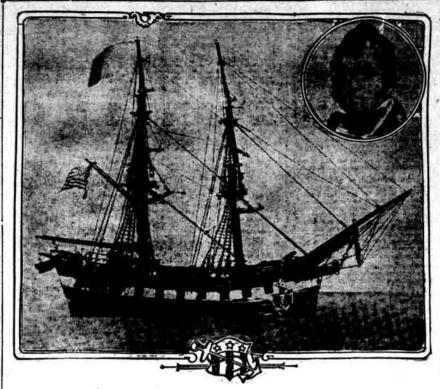
occasions.

In the evening there will be a massed band concert in Perry Square followed by a naval sham battle on the bay, depicting the battle of Lake Eria.

Fraternal Bodies to March.

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The principal features on Friday will be the fraternal parade in the afternoon. In which all the uniformed bodies of the city will appear in full regalla, and of the city will appear in full regalla, and of the uniformed orders will furnish decorated floats emblematic of the historical or event, and the street carnival or Mardi Gras in the evening, at which every one multiple of the avent of the control of the



Capt. Dobbins, commander of a mer-hant vessel plying the lake, had beer aptured by the British and released

the afternoon there will be a miliy parade, comprising 5,00 soldiers of the stational Guard of Pennsylvania, the available of the State, and the history and the visiting Governors. The state of the State and the boats of the state of the State, and the Hilliand Cadeta, to be reviewed by Gov. In 1811, Oliver Hazard Perry, then a state of the state of th Capt. Dobbins went down to Lake Ontario. leaving Commander Taylor in charge of the building at Erie. Fort towers fell and the Fittish evacuated the Nisgara River frontier. Perry purchased and Amelia, each carrying hose and two twenty-four and twelve pound guns, and started with this fiotilia to join the fact under construction at Erie. The British feet heard of this move of Perry's and took sters to intercept him. The British sequadron at that time was made up of the Queen Charlotte with seventeen guns, if Lady Provest with thirteen guns, the Hunter with ten guns. Little Beil with three guns and the Chippewa with one gun. In a fog on the Eastern end of the Lake, Perry passed the British fleet at a distance of about five miles, neither and a distance of about five miles, neither and a distance of about five miles, neither and the boats being built there. By the middle of June and rushed the work on the boats being built there. By the middle of August the boats had been completed, armed and parity manned. Perry could a remed and parity manned. Perry could a remed and parity manned result for Sandusky and if the province of the country is that point on August 7.

Perry's Little Fleet.

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The fleet consisted of the following vasais, their respective commanders and armament: Lawrence, figaship, eighteen thirty-two-pound cannon and two long twelve-pounders, Commodore O. H. Perry: Niagara, same armament, Capt. Jesse D. Eilliot: Calendonia, three long twelve-pounders. Purser Humpbrey Hagrath, Ariel, four long twelve-pounders. Lieut. John Packett; Tripps, one long thirty-

out of the harbor, as she did a hundred two-pounder, Lieut, A. H. M. Conkling: ship of the British, sent the first shot to years ago. After leaving Erie she will Somers, one long twenty-four-pounder, wards the Lawrence. The fleets were visit other lake ports and participate in and one long twelve-pounder. Sailing shout a mile and a half apart, and the commemorative celebastions.

Mater Thomas C. Almy: Scorpion, one shot fell short. Perry hoisted his flag, the

Niagara and again hoisted the flag.

The Queen Charlotte, of the British fleet, in attempting to pass her sister ship, the Detroit, rammed her and the two were entangled. The Americans raked them with their broadsides, and at amout 3.20 the Queen Charlotte flew the white flag of surrender. The Detroit did likewise, and one of the most spirited naval battles ever fought was ended.

After the firing ceased Perry wrots his two famous notes to Gen. Harrison and William Jones, Secretary of the Navy.

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In writing these notes he used the back of an envelope for his message to Gen. Harrison and the blank leaf for the more lengthy message to the secretary, using the top of his cap to write upon. These memorable notes were as follows:

"Yours with great respect and esteem,
"O. H. PERRI."
"O. H. PERRI."
"Off the West Sister, head of Lake Erie.
"Spr. It has pleased the Almighty to give to the arms of the United States as aignal victory over their enemies on this lake. The Hritish squadron, consisting of two ships, two briss, one schooner, and one sloop, have this moment surrendered to the force under my command, after a sharp conflict.
"Very respectfully, your obedient servant,"

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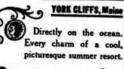
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